

WHILE SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE OF A TELEPHONE PRIVACY LAW VERSUS AN ANSWERING MACHINE TO "SCREEN" INCOMING CALLS, I ENLISTED OUR NAMES ON INDIANA'S "NO CALL" LIST/TELEPHONE PRIVACY LAW. TO MY SURPRISE, THE NUMBER OF "HANGUPS" WHEN THE MACHINE INITIALLY ANSWERED A CALL DIMINISHED BY 99%. ON AVERAGE WE RECEIVED APPROX. 10/DAY ON WEEKDAYS AND 5-7/WEEKENDS; UP TO AS LATE AS 9:00PM EST. SINCE BEING LISTED ON INDIANA'S "NO CALL" LIST FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED ONLY ABOUT 5 "HANGUPS" TOTAL AND ONLY 3 SOLICITATION MESSAGES. WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INDIANA'S TELEPHONE PRIVACY LAW AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RETURN THE USE OF OUR ANSWERING MACHINE BACK TO ITS INTENDED PURPOSE: TO RECORD MEANINGFULL MESSAGES IN OUR ABSENCE.

WE ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO SUPERCEDE INDIANA'S TELEPHONE PRIVACY LAW WITH ONE AT A FEDERAL LEVEL THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS CURRENLTY PROVIDED BY/INCLUDED IN INDIANA'S PRIVACY LAW.